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OF A POWER CLAMP

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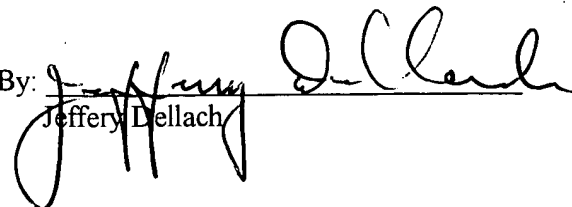
1. Timothy Wheeler, Wayne Morroney, and myself are co-inventors on United States Patent Application No. 09/916,567, entitled: "Structure for Isolating Mounting and Clamping Forces of a Power Clamp,"
2. During the development of the invention described in United States Patent Application No. 09/916,567, Timothy Wheeler, Wayne Morroney, and myself were all employees of Norgren Automotive, Inc.;
3. United States Patent Application No. 09/916,567 was and is assigned to Norgren Automotive, Inc.;
4. Timothy Wheeler and myself are co-inventors on United States Patent Application No. 09/891,916 entitled "Over-Center Power Clamp Toggle Mechanism," having a United States Publication No. US 2002/019561 A1;
5. During the development of the invention described in United States Patent Application No. 09/891,916, Timothy Wheeler and myself were both employees of Norgren Automotive, Inc.;
6. United States Patent Application No. 09/891,916 was and is assigned to Norgren

Automotive, Inc.;

7. Timothy Wheeler, Wayne Morroney, and myself equally participated in the conception and reduction to practice of the subject matter defined in the claims of United States Patent Application No. 09/916,567, and therefore, Timothy Wheeler, Wayne Morroney, and myself are co-inventors of the subject matter defined in the claims of United States Patent Application 09/916,567;
8. The subject matter defined in the claims of United States Patent Application No. 09/916,567 is disclosed but not claimed in United States Patent Application No. 09/891,916. However, this subject matter was conceived and reduced to practice jointly by Timothy Wheeler, Wayne Morroney, and myself;
9. Thus, the invention described in United States Patent Application No. 09/891,916 and published in United States Patent Publication No. US 2002/0195761 A1 was not created by another as compared to United States Patent Application No. 09/916,567; and
10. The disclosures described in United States Patent Application No. 09/891,916 and United States Patent Application No. 09/916,567 were jointly developed concurrently by Timothy Wheeler, Wayne Morroney, and myself.

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